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Confirmation No. : 2699

Applicants : Vishnu K. Agarwal and Scott G. Meikle

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Art Unit : 1762

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : William P. Fletcher III

Title : POLISHING PADS AND PLANARIZING MACHINES FOR MECHANICAL OR
CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES, AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SUCH
PADS AND MACHINES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated October 29, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page (7) of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page (8) of this paper.

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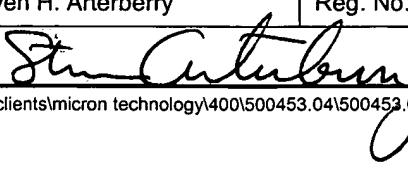
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